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SUBJECT: EVENSEN'S FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS OF NORWAY'S CONTIGUOUS
TRAWL FREE ZONES

1. E/C COUNSELOR REVIEWED EVENSEN'S FIRST ROUND OF DIS-
CUSSION OF NORWAY'S PROPOSED CONTIGUOUS TRAWL FREE ZONES
WITH ARNE TREHOLT, EVENSEN'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT WHO
ACCOMPANIED HIM. EVENSEN VISITED COPENHAGEN, BONN,
BRUSSELS, LONDON, PARIS, STOCKHOLM AND MOSCOW. HE IS
CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK FOR A MEETING OF THE EVENSEN GROUP
ON LOS. HE WILL VISIT THE HAGUE NOVEMBER 11, EAST
BERLIN NOVEMBER 14, WARSAW NOVEMBER 15, LONDON
NOVEMBER 25-26, AND BONN NOVEMBER 27-28.

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2. EVENSEN'S INITIAL ROUND OF VISITS WAS INTENDED TO EXPLAIN AND CLARIFY NORWAY'S PLANS. TALKS WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE SUBSTANTIVE. EXCEPT IN FRANCE, THE TALKS WERE HELD AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, GENERALLY WITH THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR FISHING. DENMARK AND SWEDEN'S MAIN CONCERNS WERE WITH THE POSSIBLE AFFECT OF THESE ZONES ON NORTH SEA FISHING AND EVENSEN WAS ABLE TO REASSURE THEM THAT THE ZONES WOULD HAVE NO AFFECT ON THE NORTH SEA. THE WEST GERMANS WERE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT NORWAY MIGHT ARREST AND TRY THEIR FISHERMEN CAUGHT IN THE TRAWL FREE ZONES BUT INDICATED THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE WORKED OUT. THE BELGIANS HAD LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE ZONES, AND EEC COMMISSIONER WELLENSTEIN SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO SEE IF THE ZONES SHOULD BE A MATTER OF COMMON COMMUNITY POLICY. HE PERSONALLY DID NOT THINK SO SINCE THE EEC HAD NO COMMON FISHING POLICY. (NORWAY OPPOSES MAKING THE ZONES A MATTER FOR COMMON COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION.) WELLENSTEIN SAID HE WOULD PASS THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISION ON TO EVENSEN SHORTLY. THE BRITISH INDICATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF THE ZONES FURTHER AND WERE INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ZONES AND THE QUOTA AGREEMENT ON ARCTIC COD. FRANCE WAS THE MOST NEGATIVE COUNTRY EVENSEN VISITED AND INDICATED IT CONSIDERED THE ZONES SHOULD BE MADE A MATTER OF COMMON COMMUNITY POLICY.

THE SOVIETS INDICATED QUESTIONS OF FISHING IN THE BARENTS SEA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE AND THAT THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR TRAWL FREE ZONES WAS ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN THE PICTURE WHICH ALSO INCLUDED ARCTIC COD AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THEY WILL SEND A TECHNICAL TEAM TO OSLO ON DECEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES PRIOR TO A VISIT OF THE SOVIET MINISTER OF FISHERIES ON DECEMBER 10. THEY WARNED AGAINST INSTITUTION OF A FIFTY MILE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN MARCH AND INDICATED THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED TRAWL FREE ZONES.

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SERVATION AREAS FOR YOUNG FISH IN THEIR SECTOR OF THE BARENTS SEA. THE COMING NEGOTIATION TO DELIMIT THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY WAS NOT RAISED.

4. ALTHOUGH VERY LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS RAISED DURING THIS FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS, THE NEXT ROUND WHEN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WILL COME UP IS EXPECTED TO BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT. EVENSEN IS OPTIMISTIC THAT HE CAN BRING THE BRITISH

AND WEST GERMANS ALONG BUT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL
BE DIFFICULT. (FOR EXAMPLE THE USSR AND NORWAY FAILED
TO AGREE ON A QUOTA FOR ARCTIC COD AT THE SPECIAL
NEAFC MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH). THE NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO INSTITUTION OF TRAWL FREE
ZONES BY JANUARY 1975. ALTHOUGH THIS IS AN EXTREMELY
TIGHT SCHEDULE SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE NO ACTION HAS BEEN
DECIDED UPON IF MAJOR COUNTRIES WHOSE FISHING IS AFFECTED BY
THE ZONES OPPOSE THEIR INSTITUTION.
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